

# Testimony of Tom “Smitty” Smith Public Citizen’s Texas Office Solar budget Request

Recommendation on Austin Energy’s FY2013 solar programs

*Approved by*

**Local Solar Advisory Committee**

*on 8/2/2012, 11 yea, 3 nay, 1 abstain*

The LSAC recommends a FY13 budget that accurately reflects current demand and historical spending, that **the solar incentive budget be increased to \$10 million**, and that this committee will bring recommendations to improve the cost effectiveness of the programs.

**We have only begun our work so our budget recommendation is preliminary and should be seen as a placeholder**

Our goal is to grow the program to 10MW next year

6MW residential

4MW commercial

The current A/E request is only \$4 million

Our current spending for both programs is really:

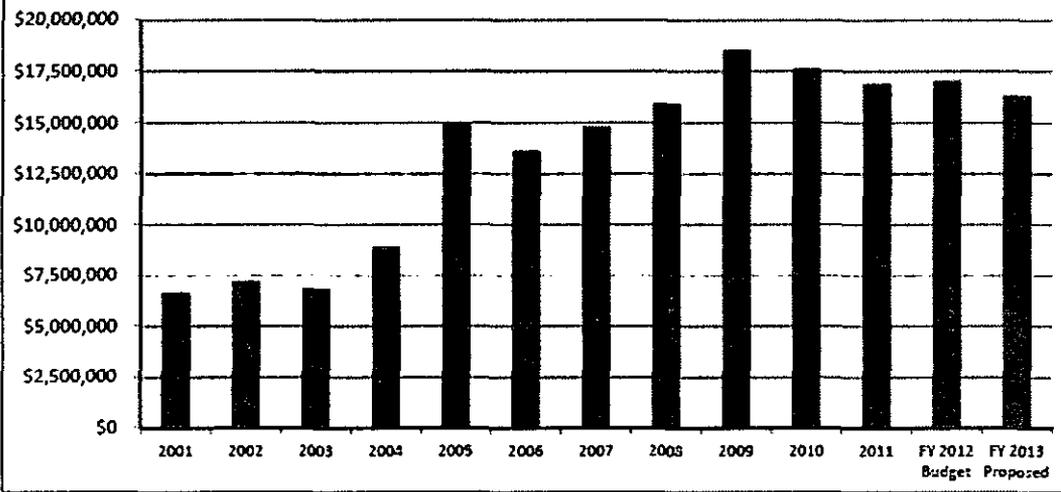
\$5.685m for residential

\$3.065m for commercial (10 year payout on PBI)

We have discussed dropping rebate levels—but these are details to be worked out

Solar PV Rebate Program 6-30-12 FY12 Participation Report				
Total Participation	Current		Final Projected	% of Goal
	Month	YTD		
Requests Received	88	465	424	110%
Site Surveys Completed:	82	465	424	110%
LOI Issued				
# of Residential	79	428	424	100%
# of Commercial	2	10	11	91%
LOI \$ Committed (YTD includes carry over \$ FY11 LOIs)				
Residential	\$1,034,805	\$5,685,889	\$5,300,000	107%
Commercial (Estimated Annual PBI Payments)	\$8,312	\$48,431	\$223,000	22%
Final Inspections Completed				
Residential	58	248	346	72%
Commercial	1	9	11	82%
Rebates and PBI Paid				
Residential Rebates	\$790,742	\$3,054,017	\$5,300,000	58%
Commercial PBI Monthly	\$0	\$18,136	\$250,000	8%
Commercial PBI Estimated 10-YR	\$18,179	\$412,930	\$3,065,954	13%
kW including T&D (AC kW @ PTC):				
Residential	358.1	1,374.4	2,222.6	62%
Commercial	8.6	120.8	1,729.9	7%
Total kW including T&D (AC kW @ PTC):	366.6	1,495.2	4,743.0	32%
Total annual kWh - Res	438,618	1,710,397	2,586,400	66%
Total annual kWh - Com	12,165	164,880	2,013,000	8%

### Rebates & Incentives for Solar & Energy Efficiency



Fiscal Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 Amended	2013 Proposed
S Rebates Issued (millions)	\$6.7	\$7.2	\$6.9	\$8.9	\$15.0	\$13.6	\$14.8	\$16.0	\$18.6	\$17.6	\$18.9	\$17.1	\$16.3